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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS : OREP (ABOUREZK, JAMES)
SUBJECT : CODEL ABOUREZK

REF: BAGHDAD 1655

1. CODEL AGREES FULLY WITH HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED PARA 1 REFTEL. SINCE JOHNSON, DUHAMEL AND MILLER ARE NOT MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY, JUST FRIENDS, SEPARATE HOTEL PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE FOR THEM.

2. RE SYMPOSIUM, ACCORDING TO STAFF MEMBER SENATOR DEFINITELY PLANNING TO SPEAK NOVEMBER 8. SPEECH WILL REPORTEDLY BE MUCH THE SAME AS ONE HE GAVE HERE ON SUBJECT "US PERCEPTIONS OF MIDDLE EAST". SPEECH COMES DOWN HEAVILY ON DISTORTED VIEW WHICH AMERICANS HAVE OF ARAB WORLD, NOTING ROLE OF BOTH PRESS AND ISRAELI LOBBY IN STIMULATING AND CONTINUING THIS PROCESS. WHILE SENATOR STATES THAT SUCH DISTORTED VIEW CLEARLY IMPACTS ON US POLICY IN AREA, SPEECH IS NOT DIRECTLY CRITICAL OF SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF US POLICY. CLOSING THEME IS TO URGE ARABS MORE EFFECTIVELY TO TELL THEIR STORY IN US.

3. RE REMAINDER OF BAGHDAD PROGRAM, SENATOR GLADLY ACCEPTS PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S DINNER INVITATION. ONE OFFICIAL FUNCTION CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE AND WE EXPECT EVEN TWO WILL
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POSE NO PROBLEM.

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4. COMMENT: SENATOR AND PARTY HAVE BEEN RELAXED, FLEXIBLE
AND EXTREMELY EASY TO GET ALONG WITH.
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